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Focus on Government Facilities and Engage State Resources

1. Set a minimum goal for state facilities. New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has set a goal for a 20% reduction with adequate funding for these reductions.¹ In addition, NY will finance additional reductions for county and local facilities. We believe that adopting a 20% or more ambitious goal is realistic for Maryland state facilities, as well as our county and local buildings.
2. Conduct research through state departments, colleges, and universities into the development, application, and promulgation of cost-effective energy-saving technologies.

¹ [NY] Governor Cuomo Announces Launch of Initiative to Bring New Energy Efficient Technologies Into the Marketplace, September 17, 2012, <https://www.governor.ny.gov/press/09172012newenergyefficienttechnologies>